Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1 (Currently amended) A mobile communication terminal comprising:

an information managing portion; and

a nonvolatile storage medium managed by the information managing portion and having a plurality of memory areas each for storing a value of an information item that is regularly accessed, wherein said information managing portion stores one value of the information item in one memory area and further wherein said information managing portion subsequently stores an updated value of the information item in a different memory area such that the one value and the updated value are both concurrently stored in the nonvolatile storage medium for some time period,

wherein said information managing portion associates a management number with each stored value of the information item, with the management number indicating an update of the stored value, wherein the information managing portion utilizes the management number to select the updated value of the information item stored in the nonvolatile storage medium.

Claim 2 (Canceled)

Claim 3 (Previously presented) A mobile communication terminal comprising:

an information managing portion;

a nonvolatile storage medium; and

a volatile storage medium, wherein the nonvolatile storage medium and the volatile storage medium are both managed by the information managing portion; and wherein said information managing portion stores identical information into the nonvolatile storage medium and the volatile storage medium, and further wherein said information managing portion then compares the identical information stored in both the nonvolatile storing medium and the volatile storage medium for consistency during an initial state, and further wherein said information managing portion retrieves the information stored in the nonvolatile storage medium if the information stored in the volatile storage medium is not consistent with the information stored in the nonvolatile storage medium.

Claim 4 (Previously presented) A mobile communication terminal as claimed in claim 3, wherein said information managing portion checks for a normality of the information by comparing with the information

stored in the nonvolatile storing medium unless a lack of consistency of the information stored in the volatile storing medium has occurred.

Claim 5 (Previously presented) A mobile communication terminal as claimed in claim 4 , wherein said information managing portion stores the identical information into the nonvolatile storing medium and the volatile storing medium at different times.

Claim 6 (Previously presented) A mobile communication terminal as claimed in claim 3, wherein said nonvolatile storage medium has a plurality of memory areas each for storing a value of an information item, and said information managing portion stores sequentially the values of the information items into the plurality of memory areas of the nonvolatile storing medium.

Claim 7 (Previously presented) A mobile communication terminal as claimed in claim 3, wherein said nonvolatile storage medium has a plurality of memory areas each for storing a value of an information item, and wherein said information managing portion attaches management numbers indicating updated sequences to information having a higher update frequency to the

nonvolatile storage medium, with the attaching occurring at ~~a~~ the time of the updating of the information, and further wherein said information managing portion decides which updated sequences of information having the higher update frequency based on management numbers when the information managing portion looks up the information stored in the nonvolatile storing medium.

Claim 8 (Previously presented) The mobile communication terminal of claim 1, wherein the value of the information item is time information.

Claim 9 (Previously presented) The mobile communication terminal of claim 1, further comprising only a single battery.

Claim 10 (Previously presented) The mobile communication terminal as claimed in claim 6, wherein said information managing portion associates a management number with each stored value of the information item, with the management number indicating an update of the stored value, wherein the information managing portion utilizes the management number to select the updated value of the information item stored in the nonvolatile storage medium.

Claim 11 (Currently amended) A mobile communication terminal comprising:

a receiver for receiving a wireless communication signal;

a transmitter for transmitting a wireless communication signal;

an information managing portion; and

nonvolatile storage medium managed by the information managing portion and having a plurality of memory areas each for storing a value of an information item, wherein said information managing portion stores one value of the information item in one memory area and further wherein said information managing portion subsequently stores an additional value of the information item in a different memory area such that the one value and the additional value are both simultaneously stored in the nonvolatile storage medium for some time period,

wherein said information managing portion associates a management number with each stored value of the information item, with the management number indicating an update of the stored value, wherein the information managing portion utilizes the management number to select the updated value of the information item stored in the

nonvolatile storage medium.

Claim 12 (Currently amended) A mobile communication terminal comprising:

an information managing portion; and

a nonvolatile storage medium having:

a first memory area; and

a second memory area, wherein

said information managing portion stores a first value of an information item in the first memory area, and wherein

said information managing portion subsequently stores a second value of the information item in the second memory area with the second value being an updated value of the information item, such that the first value and the second value are both concurrently stored in the nonvolatile storage medium for some period of time, and further wherein

said information managing portion provides the second value which is an updated value to the mobile communications terminal when a current value of the information item is requested by the mobile communications terminal,

wherein said information managing portion associates a management number with each stored value of the

information item, with the management number indicating an update of the stored value, wherein the information managing portion utilizes the management number to select the updated value of the information item stored in the nonvolatile storage medium.

Claim 13 (Previously presented) The mobile communication terminal of claim 12, wherein the nonvolatile memory area is one of an EEPROM and a flash ROM.

Claim 14 (Previously presented) The mobile communication terminal of claim 12, further comprising only a single battery.

Claim 15 (Previously presented) The mobile communication terminal of claim 12, wherein the information item represents time information.

Claim 16 (Previously presented) A mobile communication terminal comprising:

an information managing portion; and

a nonvolatile storage medium having a plurality of memory areas, wherein

said information managing portion stores a value of

an information item in the nonvolatile storage medium at regular time intervals by cycling through the plurality of memory areas such that each of said plurality of memory areas has a value of the information item stored therein, with each of the values being temporally shifted when compared to each other, and further wherein, when a request for a current value of the information item is received,

said information managing portion determines which of the values of the information item stored in nonvolatile memory was most recently stored and retrieves that value.

Claim 17 (Currently amended) A mobile communication terminal comprising:

an information managing portion; and

a nonvolatile storage medium having a plurality of memory areas, wherein

said information managing portion stores a plurality of values of an information item by performing the steps of:

storing a first value of the information item in a first memory area included in the plurality of memory areas at a first time;

storing a second value of the information item in a

second memory area included in the plurality of memory areas at a second time later than the first time; and

optionally storing additional values of the information item, each stored in an additional memory area included in the plurality of memory areas at other times after the second time by cycling though a sequence of the plurality of memory areas;

and further wherein said information managing portion responds to a request for a current value of the information item by retrieving the value of the information item that was most recently stored in the nonvolatile storage medium.

Claim 18 (Previously presented) A mobile communication terminal comprising:

a volatile storage medium;

an information managing portion; and

a nonvolatile storage medium having a plurality of memory areas, wherein

said information managing portion cycles through a sequence of said plurality of memory areas for each for concurrently storing a plurality of values of an information item, such that said information managing portion retrieves the most recently stored value of the information item when the mobile communications terminal

requests a value of the information item.

Claim 19 (Currently amended) A method for extending the lifetime of a nonvolatile memory of a communication device, the method comprising the steps of:

providing a wireless communication function for a user of the communication device and the nonvolatile memory with a plurality of memory areas ;

storing a first value of an information item in a first memory area of the nonvolatile memory;

storing a second value of the information item in a different memory area of the nonvolatile memory, with the second value being an updated value of the information item;

storing additional values of the information item, each stored in an additional memory area included in the plurality of memory areas of the nonvolatile memory, by cycling through a sequence of the plurality of memory areas;

retrieving ~~the second value of the information item being an updated value of the information item instead of the first value of the information item~~ a current value of the information item by retrieving the most recently stored value of the information item,

wherein the first value and the second value and

additional values of the information item are ~~both~~ concurrently stored in the nonvolatile storage medium for some time period.

Claim 20 (Previously presented) A method for extending the lifetime of a nonvolatile memory of a communication device, the method comprising the steps of:

providing a wireless communication function for a user of the communication device;

storing a one value of the information item in a first memory area of the nonvolatile memory;

associating a first management number with said one value;

storing an updated value of the information item in a different memory area of the nonvolatile memory;

associating a second management number with said updated value; and

retrieving the updated value of the information item by comparing the first management number with the second management number to identify the updated value of the information number,

wherein the one value and the updated value of the information item are both concurrently stored in the nonvolatile storage medium for some time period.